

Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Tuesday 5th April 2016

Present: Councillors K Groom (Chairman), C Bamber (Vice Chairman), A Dicker, S Lott, R Benton & A Stone
 Sheena Bexson – NDP Group
 District Councillors C Poll & S Jenkins
 Mrs Bridget Knight - Clerk
 5 members of the public
 Apologies: County Councillor A Davies & PCSO J Dodson

Items on Agenda		
1. Public Question Time	1.1 Mrs Ward – any update on playground – discussed later in meeting.	
2. Attendance and Apologies	2.1 Apologies were received from County Councillor A Davies & PCSO J Dodson.	Clerk
3. Declaration of Interest	3.1 None.	Clerk
4. To receive reports from District and County Councillors	4.1 Cllr Poll reported VALP have received all consultations, which are being separated now, there are 771 individual questions and 4,481 documents so very busy. Discussions will take place by VALP committee and there will be another meeting scheduled for end of May/early June. 4.2 Cllr Jenkins sits on scrutiny committee and reported there is much discussion regarding unity of the council and feels it would be a good thing to combine AVDC and Bucks CC to keep costs down and services up. 4.3 Cllr Jenkins reported there are several sources of grants available to parish councils and she will forward these onto the Clerk. Commenting that council funds are being cut and expenses rising so grants may be a very good way for funding such things as expensive play equipment. 4.4 Cllr Jenkins sent email to Clerk regarding the definition of affordable housing. Clerk will forward to Councillors.	Clerk
5. To approve the minutes of previous meeting.	5.1 It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held 1 st March 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
6. Planning Applications	6.1 16/00485/COUAR – Land off Station Road, Ivinghoe Cllr Groom reported she has tried to organise a site visit, the landowners will only permit this with their agent present. Proving difficult to visit the site. A discussion took place and the decision was to object to this application, mainly because the reasons for the objection a year ago have not been addressed. Importantly the barn is not currently being used for agriculture. Cllr Groom would welcome a report from Anglian Water and Highways, concerns about the proximity of the sewage works to the proposed dwelling. Objection proposed by Cllr Benton and Seconded by Cllr Lott, carried unanimously. 6.2 16/01089/APP Builders Yard, High Street, Ivinghoe A discussion took place and it was decided no objections, although we would request that no building work is permitted during the weekends because of the close proximity to nearby dwellings. Proposed by Cllr Bamber and Seconded by Cllr Stone, carried unanimously.	Clerk/ All
7. Neighbourhood Development Plan	7.1 Sheena Bexson from the NDP group gave an update to the meeting and informed the council that the questionnaires are now complete and will be delivered over the weekend. There will be post boxes located in Post Office in Ivinghoe and The Swan PH in Ivinghoe Aston. The results are expected at end of May. After the results the next step will be a steering group and submit the plan which goes to AVDC. Sheena commented that the plan doesn't have to be complicated and a plan written by Susan Kitchener in Northants was 21 pages, a good example. The majority if not all of the costs will be funded by the grants.	Clerk
8. Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds	8.1 Cllr Stone reported that the Bridleway is clear. No reports. 8.2 Trees – Robert Landers has done an excellent job of clearing the ivy from the trees in Station Road and helped tidy up the village as contribution towards the Queen's 90 th birthday. Mr Landers also cleared the branch away that was on the verge, which was knocked down by a bin lorry. The council has received the invoice for £450 which will be paid.	

	<p>8.3 Playgrounds – All look very nice. Neil Ashby has visited Cllr Groom and said he will sign the 20 year lease for Ivinghoe Aston playground. Mr Ashby is being sent another copy of the lease for signing. The lawyers have been put on hold. The council is waiting for the signed lease.</p> <p>8.4 Inspectors have reported the birds nest swing in Ivinghoe needs repairing and we have received quote for this including installation £590 + VAT. Everyone was in agreement this should be progressed. Clerk to organise.</p>	Clerk
<p>9. Highways, Streets and transport (to include Street Lighting and Speed Watch)</p>	<p>9.1 Cllr Dicker has meet with AVDC inspector and they are happy for us to continue with tree work. AVDC confirmed that we do not require a cultivation licence to go ahead with the planters to help protect and improve the look of the verge. Cllr Dicker will liaise with Bob Corn who is purchasing planters for The Hub.</p> <p>9.2 Clifford Marshall has informed us that there are plans to re-surface the road between Ivinghoe and Horton, this is scheduled for later this year. Also the Beacon Road is due to be resurfaced during the year.</p> <p>9.3 Lighting -there is a light out in Station Road, Ivinghoe. Cllr Groom to inform Clerk which one so she can report this.</p> <p>9.4 Cllr Bamber reported that the A4146 road through Dagnall is being re-classified and we are very concerned that HGV's will use Ivinghoe Aston in particular as a cut-through to avoid the weight restrictions. Cllr Bamber read the emailed report from County Cllr Davies: I had a meeting last week with the new director for transport, Basil Jackson, his new boss, Mike Freestone, and the Cabinet member Mark Shaw, in an attempt to inject some urgency in to this. They were unaware of the Herts CC cabinet decision to downgrade the A4146. They had had no sight of any report of the three county working group, as Tony mentioned. I put the state of Cheddington railway bridge in to the mixture and the need for a solution. Most of this I mentioned in the report I sent yesterday. The state of the B488 doesn't help either which was the principal reason I met them and the constant delays and excuses. Slippage on our local road maintenance program. It's been a very disappointing to see work scheduled for 2015 slipping to mid year 2016. I've been sent a provisional timetable for work on the B488 Ivinghoe to Horton in stages from April to June, June to August and July to October 2016. Work is also overdue on the Beacon Road and Main Road South Dagnall. Cheddington railway bridge closure. I have been informed but not officially that the repairs currently being undertaken to the bridge are only a temporary fix and that more work is scheduled for later in the year. I have been meeting with the decision-makers at Bucks county council to impress upon them the fragility of the network in this division in an attempt to force some joined up thinking for the future. The A4146 through Dagnall Edlesborough and Northall is to become the B440 shortly after the completion of the A5/M1 link but no progress has yet been made on putting weight limits on the B488 at enforceable points to prevent the displacement of HGVs to the west rather than the M1.</p> <p>9.5 Clerk to write to Rt Hon John Bercow MP to ask for his support with the potential problems caused by the road re-classification in particular Ivinghoe Aston being used as a short-cut by HGVs.</p> <p>9.6 Road signs are missing, Clerk to report missing signs: Beacon Road sign has come down, B489 to Ashridge and Ringshall at the Junction has come down and on the B489 the chevrons have been bashed.</p>	Clerk/ KG/A D/CB
<p>11. Allotments</p>	<p>11.1 Cllr Dicker reported the allotments are looking very good, expect for one plot. The clerk will write to Mrs Cusick to ask her if she wishes to continue with her allotment.</p> <p>11.2 Cllr Groom had allocated a new adjoining plot to an allotment holder, but today they said the roots were to deep and declined the offer of the new plot.</p> <p>11.3 Helenka Hill has enquired about allotments, Cllr Groom to contact her about a possible plot.</p>	Clerk
<p>12. Report from the Clerk</p>	<p>The outgoing Clerk had written a report, which was circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	Clerk

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<p>13. Financial Matters</p> <p>Payment of Accounts Balances</p> <p>To discuss and approve the purchase of planters</p>	<p>13.1 The following accounts and expenses were submitted and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for payment:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Contracts and Salaries</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Clerks expenses & litter clearance (Mar)</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£227.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Almar Tring</td> <td>Stationery (March 16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£31.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karen Groom</td> <td>IPC Clerk Mobile</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RML Tree & Garden</td> <td>Tree work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>People and places</td> <td>NDP Work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1198.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strong's Printing</td> <td>NDP Work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£417.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maxine Hayes</td> <td>Reimburse Printer</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£29.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridget Knight</td> <td>Reimburse AVG</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£44.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karen Groom</td> <td>IPC Mobile</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e-on</td> <td>Electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£94.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Almar Tring</td> <td>Stationery (from August)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shaping Communities</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£188.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>15.2 Balances</p> <p>Beacon Ads £38 Beacon Ads</p> <p>Balances @ 5.4.2016</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Community ac</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1092.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BMM ac</td> <td style="text-align: right;">63324.96</td> </tr> </table>	Contracts and Salaries	Clerks expenses & litter clearance (Mar)	£227.95	Almar Tring	Stationery (March 16)	£31.20	Karen Groom	IPC Clerk Mobile	£16.60	RML Tree & Garden	Tree work	£450.00	People and places	NDP Work	£1198.80	Strong's Printing	NDP Work	£417.60	Maxine Hayes	Reimburse Printer	£29.49	Bridget Knight	Reimburse AVG	£44.99	Karen Groom	IPC Mobile	£66.40	e-on	Electricity	£94.68	Almar Tring	Stationery (from August)	£12.52	Shaping Communities		£188.25							Community ac	1092.25	BMM ac	63324.96	Clerk
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	<p>BMM Beacon ac 38.07</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£ <u>64,455.28</u></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	
14. Annual Parish Meeting	14.1 Rt Hon John Bercow MP will be invited to speak at the annual meeting. The Clerk will write and invite him. Councillor Bamber will give a presentation. Refreshments will be provided – cheese, wine and cake.	Clerk/ KG
15. Possible reduction in number of PCSO's funded by BCC.	15.1 A discussion took place and Ivinghoe Parish Council have previously funded a PCSO but did not feel it was very effective and rarely saw the PCSO. It was decided that will we not fund a PCSO. This could be reviewed in the future.	Clerk
16. Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 3 rd May 2016 Annual PC Meeting Thursday 12 th May 2016 Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm Town Hall	

Signed.....

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